

Eligible Improvements

- Uncovering and restoration of historical façades
- Removal of inappropriate façade materials
- Removal of obsolete signs and hardware
- Repair of original architectural details
- Replacement and repair of storefront windows
- Addition of appropriate detailing which leads to a substantially enhanced authentic historical appearance.
- Window replacement including window framing (must match original in size, style, material and scale, vinyl windows are not permitted)
- Installation and improvement of signage
- Cleaning, repainting and repair of façade*
- Door repair or replacement – if being taken back to original historical character*
- Shutters when consistent with original historical character
- Installation of decorative lighting and upgrading of existing fixtures on external façades
- Awning replacement (if part of a larger project)
- Fencing and dumpster screening (if part of a larger project)
- Other improvements can be made if they meet the objectives of the program and have prior written approval of the Committee.

*Maintenance projects are not intended to be eligible for grant assistance, however, 50% of the maintenance cost may be used as part of the match for the larger façade improvement project.

Ineligible Improvements **(including but not limited to):**

- Interior improvements
- Removal of architecturally important features
- New construction and additions
- Routine maintenance
- Labor of the business or building owner
- Sidewalk repairs
- Planting or landscaping
- Projects started prior to an executed agreement
- Residential properties
- Conversion of residential property to a commercial use
- Working capital
- Debt refinancing
- Equipment/inventory acquisition
- Application, permit, and legal fees
- Parking lot resurfacing